

When the Viewpoint

COMBINATIONS OF BLACK TULLE AND JET.

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NEW YORK, May 30.—While France sends gaily colored gowns to America, she makes even her best evening gowns in black, when they are to be worn in Europe. In the letter that comes from the other side it is easy to see that the women are dressing even more simply than they have in 1870, and in some colors even when there has been no death in the family to demand it. True, there are black gowns that do not bear the least relation to mourning except in the one item of color, but the French design-



EVENING FROCK OF BLACK TULLE TRIMMED WITH JET, WITH BODICE OF HUGE JET ROSES AND LOOSE SLEEVES OF WHITE TULLE.

ers prefer to work in black, gray, mauve and white for their own people. Guided by this, they have produced some of the most attractive and effective black evening gowns that we have had the chance to wear in many seasons. The same may be said of gray, a color which has not been shown much favoritism in the last decade. In Paris, there have been designed frocks of the palest gray

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tulle, touched up with glimmers of silver, with here and there a bluish pink rose, half hidden under the transparent fabric. Afternoon and morning gowns have been devised of pearl gray satin, with a loose chain stitch embroidered in anet of tone of gray, and when there is a jacket to a frock of this kind its edges are faced with an inch-wide ribbon of pale pink tulle with a gray edge.

Flowers of Jet.

It was only to be expected that jet would come back into fashion with the frequent usage of black fabrics, and there has been an attempt on the part of the designers to use rows of jet sequins on gowns of color; but the effect is not all that one might like; it savors too much of the bull ring or the streets of Seville. The application of large quantities of jet on black tulle is always good, and because this fashion has come into the forefront this season, the makers of ornaments have thought out very attractive designs in glittering jet, some of which are made in sequins and others in beads. So far, America has preferred to trim her black tulle gowns with glaring designs of rhinestones, adopting it from an already famous gown which Bulloz made for Mary Garden, and which was worn in this country by Marie Tempest. In this elongated triangle the small rhinestones hold down the fullness of the black tulle.

The majority of designers in Paris, however, prefer to use jet rather than white or colored beads, and the gown sketched today carries out this idea in a commendable way. It is of black tulle, and, worthy of comment, there are no napkins or draperies on the hips. There is plenty of fullness from the waist down, but it is held flat to the figure by streamers of jet flowers, the long one in front reaching from the waist to hem. From below the hips there is a riot of ruffles, and the broad hem is made of jet.

Bodice of Roses.
The bodice of this frock is made of huge jet roses, flattened out on a tulle foundation. The straps are also of jet, and the surplus drapery over the shoulders and the loose sleeves are of white tulle.

LITTLE JOURNEYS INTO FASHION LAND

Individuality in dress has always been regarded as an unfailing instinct of the Frenchwoman. Mme. Jeanne Ramon Fernandez, a Parisienne, who came to America a few months ago for the purpose of directing a fashion show for charity, offered as a safe text for good dressing: "A moderate disregard for fashion and a painstaking study and knowledge of individual style. Mme. Fernandez exemplified in her own manner of dressing the individuality which is a Frenchwoman's big asset."

Recently at the Madison Square Garden moving picture exhibition, in New York, Miss Rose Tapley, a film star, in discussing "Clothes and the Movies," said she regarded individuality in dress as the successful star's greatest asset, and gave two-hifths of every woman's success, whether social or professional, to her clothes.

This season's styles are very friendly to the individuality instinct. The suit illustrated proves the point. Bordeaux colored taffeta is the material employed, with a trimming of soutache braid and silk tassels in the same shade.

The skirt, five yards wide, is slightly



SMART TAILLEUR OF BORDEAUX TAFFETA.

draped at the left side. The postillion pelum is full and flaring, and the waist line is clearly defined by means of the rows of braiding. In this suit the sleeves are a distinctive feature. The flare, as will be noted, is between elbow and wrist, where a narrow band cuff forms a finish, and the double cap at the top of the sleeve saves the jacket from a too narrow silhouette. The upper vest is a part of the blouse of georgette which is worn with the suit, as the skirt jacket, with center front fastening, opens low. The skirt of this suit is unlined. For the entire garment eight and a half yards of silk thirty-six inches wide are required. With the advance of the season and the near approach of sweltering days, customers say that silk suits rival in sales all other types of dress garments. Taffeta is first choice for the dressy suit. Sport models of jersey and other soft weaves are in great demand, and from all indications the early fall will see a continued demand for suits of silk.

Little girls are wearing jumpers for morning play hours. They are cut as a one-piece frock, except the bottom, which is planned to gather up into bloomers. These jumpers may be pretty trimmed and they save petticoats.

IN THE KITCHEN AND PANTRY

Beefsteak en Casserole.

Use two pounds of round steak cut from one to one and a half inches thick. The steak may be left whole or cut into piece two inches square. Heat an iron frying pan, rub over the surface with a bit of fat from the meat, put in the steak and cook, first on one side, then on the other, to harden the meat on the outside and thus keep in the juices. Put the meat into the casserole with a dozen and a half pieces each of carrot and turnip, cut in similar shaped slices, cubes or triangles. Add a dozen very small peeled onions, one tablespoonful kitchen bouquet and a generous pint of brown stock or boiling water.

Cover and let cook gently in the oven about an hour and a half. After cooking an hour add salt and more stock, if needed. Serve from the casserole. The vegetables may be browned in a one-fourth cupful of drippings before being put into the casserole. For this style of cooking round steak gives a richer dish than does a sirloin steak.

Eggs a L'Aurore.

Boil half a dozen eggs until hard, separate the whites from the yolks and press the whites through a potato ricer onto a heated dish. Season the yolks with salt, pepper and butter, then press them through the ricer on top of the whites, leaving a border of white around the edge of the dish. Edge with tiny bits of parsley and serve at once with butter gravy to which a spoonful of finely minced parsley has been added. This is a most inviting dish and easily prepared.

Bean Salad.

One pint of string beans boiled and cooled, two cups of chopped cabbage, one teaspoonful of celery seed or chopped celery and one-half dozen small cucumbers sliced very thin. Dressing: Two eggs beaten, one-half cup of vinegar, one teaspoonful of salt, one-half teaspoonful of dry mustard, one-half teaspoonful of black pepper.

and a good-sized lump of butter. Cook, let cool and pour over salad.

Spanish Rice.

One tablespoonful of good lard in a spider, very hot. Fry one minced onion, a handful of minced olives, one small minced chili pepper (or ten drops of tabasco sauce), parsley, salt and pepper. Fry till golden brown. Add one and a half cups of uncooked Carolina rice. Fry until pale yellow. Put this into a double boiler. Add two cups of strained tomato and four cups of ground steak broth. Stir once, thoroughly. Cover and let cook until rice is done—at least one hour.

Johnny Cake.

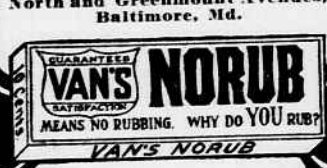
To one cup of buttermilk and one of sweet milk add one teaspoonful of soda, one of salt and a tablespoonful of melted butter. Stir in enough white cornmeal to make a very thick batter. Spread about half an inch thick in a buttered baking tin and bake in a moderately hot oven until it has a crisp brown crust. Brushing the top with melted butter improves the crust. Serve hot.

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